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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS PROJECTS FUNDING

REF: A. STATE 081633; B. BANGKOK 6016; C. BANGKOK 6837;
D. STATE 087554; E. BANGKOK 6657; F. TOAID A132; G. STATE 075811
H. BANGKOK 6659

I. APPRECIATE REF A WHICH PROVIDES GUIDANCE RE EARLY FY 1975
ALLOTMENT OBLIGATIONS AND DOLLAR TO BAHT CONVERSION AUTHORITY.

II. OBLIGATION SCHEDULE:

A. ENFORCEMENT:

1. HELICOPTERS: ALLOTMENT RECEIVED APRIL 26. WILL OBLIGATE
SOONEST.

2. WILL BE PREPARED TO OBLIGATE REMAINDER TNPD AND CUSTOMS
COMMODITIES IN MAY DEPENDING ON RECEIPT OF SOURCE WIAVER AND/
OR PROPRIETARY PROCUREMENT ON SOME PROPOSED ITEMS WHICH ARE
SUBJECT SEPARATE MESSAGES TO BE SENT THIS WEEK. TIMING OF
CUSTOMS OBLIGATION ALSO DEPENDS ON DECISION REF. H. FYI: WE
NOW INTEND TO INCLUDE 2 PARTICIPANTS FOR FOREIGN CUSTOMS
TRAINING COURSE CONDUCTED BY USCS FROM SEPTEMBER 9 TO
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NOVEMBER 1.

B. HIGHLAND DEVELOPMENT:

1. HIGHLAND BASIC DATA: THIS IS MOST UNCERTAIN OF ALL NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES BECAUSE OF HISTORY OF RTG SENSITIVITY RE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY. DISCUSSION WAS REINITIATED ON APRIL 19 IN RTG INTERAGENCY MEETING CHAIRED BY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND INCLUDING REPRESENTATION FROM MOAC PLANNING DIVISION, FORESTRY DEPARTMENT, LAND DEPARTMENT, CNB, WELFARE AND ROYAL THAI SURVEY. ISSUE NOW IN RTG HANDS FOR CONSIDERATION WHICH MISSION ACTIVELY AND CLOSELY MONITORING. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT AT BEST THIS WILL BE AN END OF JUNE OBLIGATION OF TOTAL REQUIREMENT THIS PROJECT ESTIMATED TO BE \$630 THOUSAND TO INCLUDE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY \$500 THOUSAND PER REF B WHICH MAY ESCALATE BASIS INCREASED COSTS (POL, ETC.), PLUS SUPPORTING PHOTO INTERPRETATION, SHORT-TERM CONSULTANTS AND SUPPORTING COMMODITIES, \$130 THOUSAND. IN REPLY REF. A, PARAGRAPH 5, MISSION INTENDS DUSCUSS FURTHER WITH RTG THE POSSIBILITY OF RTG CONTRACTING DIRECTLY WITH LOCAL FIRM FINANCED BY USG WITH THIRD PARTY CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENT. IT IS NOT DETERMINED AS YET IF THIS IS THE MOST ACCEPTABLE APPROACH. A DIRECT USG CONTRACT WITH LOCALLY BASED U.S. FIRM MAY BE ONLY SOLUTION. IN ANY CASE, THIS CONTRACT MAY OR MAY NOT BE BAHT FUNDED. MISSION WILL ADVISE PROBABILITY FY 74 OBLIGATION THIS PROJECT BY END MAY.

2. AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION: \$10 THOUSAND PER REF. B IS ESTIMATED AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE PER REF. C. IF MISSION OBLIGATION REQUIRED FOR THIS DESIGN ACTIVITY, IT COULD BE COMPLETED IN MAY DEPENDING ON REPLY REF. C.

3. REFORESTATION: PER REF. D, FUNDS \$7,000 WILL BE OBLIGATED FOR TDY CONSULTANT IN MAY. SEE PARAGRAPH 7 BELOW FOR FUNDING REQUIREMENTS AND MECHANISM FOR ALLOTMENT/OBLIGATION FOR PASA AND FOR DOI SAM MUN (REF. B, PARAGRAPH 9) UNDER KING'S PROJECT. ANH KHANG PROBABLY POSTPONED FOR CONSIDERATION FY 1975.

4. PRESERVED FOOD PROJECT: HAVE FORMAL RTG REQUEST. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPECT TO REQUEST ALLOTMENT AND OBLIGATE IN MAY, AS SOON AS ANALYSIS COMPLETED OF DATA COMPILED BASIS ONE YEAR OPERATION OF EXISTING FACILITY IN CHIANG MAI WHICH JUST RECEIVED FROM RTG.

5. MARKET ACCESS ROADS AND ROADS TO SUPPORT IMPROVED GROUND INTERDICTION CAPABILITY. THESE PROPOSED SURVEYS AND FINAL DESIGN ARE NOW UNDER DISCUSSION WITH RTG, WITH

NO OFFICIAL REACTION RECORDED TO DATE. HOPE TO HAVE
POSITIVE PROGNOSIS FEASIBILITY OF FIRST SURVEY AND DESIGN
PHASE FOR FY 74 OBLIGATION WITHIN 30 DAYS.

6. SPECIAL IMPACT ACTIVITIES: WHEREAS, THESE
ACTIVITIES RELATIVELY LOW COST, THEY REPRESENT
OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUICK ACTION BY WHICH U.S. CAN DEMON-
STRATE TANGIBLE SUPPORT TO RTG EFFORTS TO FIND VIABLE
ALTERNATIVES TO HILLTRIBE POPPY GROWING. AS THESE
ACTIVITIES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH KING'S PROJECT THEY WILL
RECEIVE SOME HIGH LEVEL RECOGNITION. IN ADDITION TO
ALREADY FUNDED CHANG KHIAN WATER SUPPLY KING'S PROJECT
FOR WHICH AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED AND IS NOW BEING
IMPLEMENTED, MISSION HAS FOLLOWING URGENT ALLOTMENT
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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A. FORESTRY TDY PLANNING CONSULTANT (CORPE)
OUTLINED REF. E REQUIRE ALLOTMENT \$7,000 PER
REF. D.

B. MINT PRODUCTION (\$8,250 TO BE CONVERTED).
DEFINITIVE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN PREPARED AND WILL BE
POUCHED ASAP. THIS ACTIVITY IS SUBJECT OF SEPARATE
TELEGRAM SENT TODAY.

C. DOI SAM MUN (\$12,000 TO BE CONVERTED).

PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL BEING PREPARED. THIS ENVISAGES PLANTING SEEDLINGS THIS SEASON AS INITIAL ACTION TO LONGER TERM INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT. AMBASSADOR HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE USAF AIRLIFT OF SEELINGS TO THIS REMOTE AREA. LOCAL FUNDING IS SUPPORT COST FOR TOOLS AND HILLTRIBE LABOR TO PLANT SEEDLINGS.

D. A, B AND C REQUIRING \$27,250 ARE ONE-SHOT IMPACT ACTIVITIES WHICH DO NOT SPECIFICALLY FIT INTO PROJECT PROP FRAMEWORK. THEY ALSO REQUIRE QUICK ACTION TO MEET SEASONAL CONSTRAINTS TO JUSTIFY THEIR EXISTENCE AND RESPOND TO IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITIES. MISSION WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE IN FY 1975 TO RESPOND TO A LIMITED NUMBER OF SIMILAR OPPORTUNITIES WHICH COULD ALSO INCLUDE INVITATIONAL TRAVEL FOR THE PURPOSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF REGIONAL COORDINATION, ADDITIONAL SHORT-TERM TDY CONSULTANTS, AND LOCAL PROCUREMENT TO MEET EMERGENCIES. MISSION WOULD EXPECT TO REQUEST WASHINGTON APPROVAL ON ANY SUCH ACTIVITY BUT TO EASE ADMINISTRATIVE LOAD BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND THE FIELD, MISSION PROPOSES ESTABLISHING NARCOTICS TECH SUPPORT PROJECT PER PARAGRAPH 6, REF. G, SUBJECT: "OPERATION EXPENSE REQUIREMENTS". AT THIS TIME REQUEST ALLOTMENT ON THIS BASIS OF \$30,000 FOR THESE ONE-TIME ACTIVITIES PLUS OTHER POSSIBLE CONTINGENCIES (SUCH AS INVITATIONAL TRAVEL OR LOCAL CONSULTANTS) WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH A NARCOTIC TECH SUPPORT PROJECT NOW, TO BE CONTINUED NEXT FY.

III. PER REF. A, PARAGRAPH 3, "VEHICLES" DOES NOT INCLUDE BOATS, HOWEVER FY 74 ALLOTMENT REQUEST WILL INCLUDE 10 LOCALLY CONSTRUCTED 31 FOOT BOATS AND OUTBOARD ENGINES BASES ON FINDINGS PHASE I MARINE SURVEY CONDUCTED BY U.S. CUSTOMS TEAM TO BE POUCHED SOONEST.

IV. PER REF. A, PARAGRAPH 77, LOCAL CURRENCY, WASHINGTON EXPECTATIONS THAT RTG WILL MAKE BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS IN NEXT BUDGET YEAR ARE WARRANTED AND THIS IS UNDERSTOOD BY TNPD (WHO HAVE AGREED TO PROP FIGURES (REF. F) FOR FY 74, 75, 76 AND MOAC WHICH IS NOW PREPARING BUDGET ESTIMATES TO SUPPORT NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES IN NEXT BUDGET CYCLE. OUR LOCAL CURRENCY SUPPORT IS FOR PURPOSE OF ACCELERATING IMPLEMENTATION FOR ACTIVITIES NOT INCLUDED IN LAST BUDGET CYCLE. HOWEVER, IN THE SPECIAL CASE OF FARM TO MARKET ROADS IT IS EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE A USG LOCAL CURRENCY COST IN FUTURE YEARS AS SUPPLEMENT TO RTG BUDGET TO ACCELERATE COMPLETION. THIS COULD ALSO BE THE CASE FOR REFORESTATION AND ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES IN WHICH USG SUPPORTS LABOR INTENSIVE PROJECTS; AND FOR SPECIAL IMPACT ACTIVITIES UNDER PROPOSED NARCOTIC TECH SUPPORT PROJECT.

V. REQUEST ALLOTMENT \$30,000 FOR NARCOTIC TECHNICAL SUPPORT ALLOTMENT.

REMAINING ENFORCEMENT ALLOTMENT REQUEST WILL FOLLOW SOONEST; AND
INCOME SUBSTITUTION AS INDICATED ABOVE. FYI: INCOME SUBSTITUTION
PROP TO BE POUCHED THIS WEEK.

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